

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for repositioning an intervertebral implant having at least two holes in an intervertebral space, the apparatus comprising:

a shaft having a proximal end, a distal end, and a longitudinal axis through the proximal and distal ends,~~the distal end of the shaft bending in a direction toward one of the group consisting of left and right relative to the longitudinal axis of the shaft;~~

two prongs projecting outwardly from the distal end of the shaft, at least one of the two prongs ~~forming a monolithic structure with the shaft and~~ extending away from the longitudinal axis of the shaft in a direction toward one of the group consisting of left and right relative to the longitudinal axis of the shaft, the two prongs being coupled to the shaft such that each is immovable relative to the shaft; and

two pins ~~coupled to~~ extending from the shaft distal end of each of the two prongs,

wherein each pin extends in a direction perpendicular to a plane passing through the longitudinal axis, the pins being parallel to each other, a first of the two pins being located substantially on the longitudinal axis of the shaft and a second of the two pins being located on the at least one of the two prongs extending away from the longitudinal axis of the shaft,

wherein ~~and~~ the two pins are sized, directed, and spaced for simultaneous engagement with at least two of the at least two holes of the intervertebral implant; and

wherein such simultaneous engagement enables repositioning of the intervertebral implant via application of pressure to the shaft.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the simultaneous engagement of the pins into two of the holes enables rotation of the implant in the intervertebral space in a plane perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of a spine having the intervertebral space by pushing the shaft in the perpendicular plane.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the simultaneous engagement of the pins into two of the holes enables extraction of the implant from the intervertebral space along the longitudinal axis of the shaft by pulling the shaft in a proximal direction.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein selection of the two holes for simultaneous engagement by the two pins corresponds to selection of a surgical approach, and wherein the approach is one of the group consisting of an anterior approach and an antero-lateral approach.

6. (canceled)

7. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a handle coupled to the shaft, wherein applying pressure to the handle in a proximal direction aids extraction of the implant from the intervertebral space.

8-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A set of apparatuses for repositioning an intervertebral implant having multiple pairs of holes in an intervertebral space, each apparatus comprising:

a shaft having a distal end and a longitudinal axis, the distal end of the shaft including a first prong and a second prong, the first prong being straight and extending along the longitudinal axis such that the first prong lies entirely on the same axis as the longitudinal axis of the shaft, and the second prong being curved ~~forming a monolithic structure with the shaft,~~ and extending away from the longitudinal axis, the first and second prongs being immovable relative to the shaft; and

a pair of pins ~~coupled to~~ extending from each of the first and second prongs, respectively, extending along a longitudinal axis in a same direction parallel to one another, perpendicular to a plane passing through the longitudinal axis, and engageable by the multiple pairs of holes of the implant,

wherein the position of the longitudinal axis of the shaft of the apparatus relative to the pair of pins of the apparatus is such that a selection of a particular pair of pins for engagement with a particular hole pair corresponds to a selection of a surgical approach that is substantially aligned with the longitudinal axis of the shaft.

13. (original) The set of apparatuses of claim 12, wherein the surgical approach is one of the group consisting of an anterior approach and an anterior-lateral approach.

14-15. (canceled)